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Park Authority and Soil Conservation Partner For Coastal Clean-up

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District are partnering with Clean Virginia Waterways to coordinate the 2007 International Coastal Cleanup in Fairfax County. Cleanups in local streams, parks and along the banks of the Potomac and Occoquan rivers will be held throughout Fairfax County in September and October.

The Park Authority will be organizing several large stream cleanups as part of their Fall Watershed Clean-Up Day on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Locations include Roundtree Park-Holmes Run, Pohick Creek, Little Hunting Creek, the Potomac River, Cain's Branch, Flatlick Branch, Big Rocky Run and Cub Run and Frog Branch. Last year, in addition to the Park Authority sites, the International Coastal Cleanup was a tremendous success with neighborhood groups and individual citizens establishing over 20 cleanups in Fairfax County. This year, with the help of enthusiastic volunteers, the number of sites could be even higher.

There are two ways to volunteer; become a site captain and organize your own neighborhood cleanup or help out at an already established cleanup site. Becoming a site captain is easy, rewarding, a great activity for community groups ranging from homeowners associations to scout troops, and a great way to ensure that the streams and parks you care most about stay clean. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District will help site captains choose and prepare a site, promote the cleanup, and find volunteers. Site captains will be provided with all the necessary materials including trash bags, sign-in sheets, and trash tally sheets. If you would like more information about becoming a site captain, please contact Joanna Cornell (703-324-1425 or joanna.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov) or Dan Schwartz (703-324-1422 or dan.schwartz@fairfaxcounty.gov) at the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Park Authority will organize volunteers through Hidden Oaks Nature Center (703-941-1065), Hidden Pond Nature Center (703-451-9588); Huntley Meadows Park (703-768-2525); Riverbend Visitor Center (703-759-9018); Sully Historic Site (703-437-1794) and Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (703-631-0013).

To see the full list of local International Coastal Cleanup sites, please visit the Clean Virginia Waterway's website at <http://www.longwood.edu/CLEANVA/iccva.htm>. To volunteer for a cleanup, you can contact one of the Park Authority sites directly or visit the Park Authority website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

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